

Section II. Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraphs 0020, 0032, 0033, 0038, 0040, 0041 and 0073 as originally filed with the following replacement paragraphs:

[0020] FIG. 8 is a schematic representation of an audio system including the modular docking unit of the FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly according to one embodiment of the invention, having an MP3 player mounted therein, and arranged in FM transmitting relationship to an FM receiver having audio speakers attached thereto.

[0032] The present invention, in one embodiment, provides an integral FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly for an MP3 player, that dramatically increases the utility of the basic MP3 player.

[0033] The FM transmitter in the assembly according to one embodiment of the invention transmits music played through the MP3 player to a range of FM frequencies, enabling FM reception of audio music signals that then can be played through an FM receiver, such as an FM radio receiver in a vehicle, a FM radio in proximity to the FM transmitter, and otherwise for extended area broadcast of the MP3 player-originated music.

[0038] Referring now to the drawings, FIG. 1 shows a front elevation view of an FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly 10 having a main body portion 12 including a back wall whose surface 14 together with side rails 18 and 20 define a cavity in which the MP3 player is selectively reposable. Such an ~~[[The]]~~ FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly, along with assemblies according to other embodiments, are sometimes ~~will be~~ referred to hereinafter as the modular docking unit(s).

[0040] In the housing of the modular docking unit according to one embodiment is provided an FM transmitter, which transmits music played through the MP3 player to a range of FM frequencies. The FM transmitter may be of any suitable type, and operates to transmit music to an FM receiver in the vicinity of the MP3 player.

[0041] The FM transmitter may for example be provided having a tuning frequency in the FM band of 88-95 ~~megahertz~~ Megahertz (MHz) and a transmission range of 4-6 feet or more. Stereo transmitters of such type are readily commercially available, and are of appropriate size for incorporation in the modular docking unit.

[0073] FIG. 18 is a perspective view of an MP3 player 256 having a connector 259 adapted for docking with a firewire port or a USB port. The MP3 player 256 illustrated in FIG. 18 is an iPodTM MP3 player, available from Apple Computer, Inc., Cupertino, Calif., although other MP3 players can be used with the modular docking unit according to various embodiments of the invention.